

SANTA CLAUS BUREAU

Plan for Making Hearts of Poor Children Glad.

CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT

Those Who Wish to Spread Christmas Spirit in Homes of Poor Are Urged to Send in Toys, Clothing and the Like.

In connection with the work of the Associated Charities, Manager John Golden, and Assistant Secretary Eugene G. King, of the Young Men's Christian Association, have constituted themselves into a Santa Claus bureau for the receipt and delivery of presents to homes which Chris Kringle is not in the habit of visiting on Christmas Eve.

The operation of this bureau is very simple. The men composing it request that all persons who are able to do so and who wish to make glad the heart of some little child to send in presents of any kind, toys, picture books, wearing apparel or the like, and the bureau will deliver them at the homes of the poor and needy. Likewise the bureau wishes to receive the names of children who may not be visited by Santa Claus this Christmas so that presents may be made to them.

This scheme for gladdening the hearts of youngsters who otherwise may be sad and sorrowful on Christmas morn is a new one for this city, but it has been worked successfully in many other cities and both Mr. Golden and Mr. King believe that it will be a success here.

All kinds of things that go to make up a happy Christmas for the little ones will be accepted. There will be no publicity about it, the names of the donors as well as the children being kept secret. No one save the person who gives and the members of the bureau will know that the gift has been made, while the children who receive the presents will put them down to the credit of Santa Claus and will enjoy them all the more.

All contributions should be made to the Santa Claus bureau in the morning. The days are very short and it grows dark very early and the work of gathering together and tagging the toys, clothing and etc., will be a big task. It is arranged to deliver the packages in the afternoons and the members of the bureau hope to receive many contributions today and tomorrow so that all may be distributed not later than Christmas Eve.

Larceny is Charged.
Walter Davis, a negro, was arrested last night by Patrolman Mossick on a warrant charging him with stealing \$13 in cash from Elijah Bryant.

Ambulances—Call W. E. Rouse.

SHIPPING REPORT

Tuesday, December 21, 1909.

Arrived.
Steamer Bay Port, Jensen, New Bedford—White Oak Coal Company in ballast.
Schooner Sullivan Sawin from Portland—to Island Creek Coal Sales Company in ballast.
Barge Britannia from Providence—to White Oak Coal Company in ballast.
Barge Baravia from New Haven—to White Oak Coal Company in ballast.

Cleared.
Steamer Kronborg (Dan.) Jensen, Genoa—Berwind-White Coal Company.
Steamer Irisbrook (Br.) Ulstrom Tampico—Chesapeake & Ohio Coal & Coke Company.
Steamer Westlands (Br.) Granger, Tampico—White Oak Coal Company.

Sailed.
Steamers Irisbrook (Br.) Tampico; Westlands (Br.) Tampico.
Schooner Jane Palmer, Wiley, Boston.

Calendar for Today
Sun rises 7:11 a. m.
Sun sets 4:53 p. m.
High water 5:27 a. m., 6:07 p. m.
Low water 11:57 a. m., 11:59 p. m.

COKE AND COKE FOR MEXICO.

Two British Steamers Sail for Tampico With Full Cargoes.

Two British steamers, the Irisbrook and Westlands, steamed from this port yesterday for Tampico, Mexico, with coal and coke. The Irisbrook carries 2,500 tons of coke, valued at \$9,050, and 1,635 tons of coal, valued at \$4,248, and the Westlands carries 3,650 tons of coal, valued at \$9,125, and 1,116 tons of coke, valued at \$2,743.

Coal for Genoa.
The Danish steamer Kronborg cleared yesterday for Genoa, Italy, with a cargo of 4,000 tons of coal, valued at \$11,000.

SHORTEST DAY OF YEAR.

Sun Was Up Here Yesterday Only Nine Hours and Six Minutes.

Yesterday was the shortest day of the year and the first day of the regular winter season, the fall season ending on December 20. While some severely cold weather has been experienced here this month, the real winter, is just beginning and the cold snap of the past few days is merely the forerunner of the cold and stormy weather of every winter.

The sun was up yesterday just nine hours and six minutes, rising at 7:14 o'clock and setting at 4:52 o'clock. Today it rises at the same hour, but sets one minute later.

Sunday School Elects Officers.
Officers for the coming year have been elected by the Sunday school of the Second Baptist church as follows: Superintendent, James W. Eubank; assistant superintendent, J. W. Driver; secretary, E. D. Schaffer; treasurer and librarian, D. F. Mason; organist, Miss Edna Davis.

W. E. Rouse—Funeral Director.

SOCIAL-PERSONAL

Mr. John S. Greason, of North Carolina, has arrived here to join Mrs. Grierson, who is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fleury, on Twenty-sixth street.

Miss Mabel Lee Powell, who is attending the Woman's College, Richmond, will arrive home tomorrow to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Powell, in East End.

Miss Beatrice Bulla, who is a student at Vassar College, has arrived home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bulla, at the Clinton apartments.

Messrs. Grover Hill and Frank Davis will return tomorrow from the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond, to spend the holidays with their parents.

Messrs. Winston Davis, John Hughes, John Hamilton, and Guy Via will return from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute this week to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mr. A. O. Loomis will arrive this week from Cornell College to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Loomis, in North End.

Miss Margaret Reynolds, who is attending the Mary Baldwin Seminary at Staunton, Va., will arrive home this week to spend the Christmas season with her mother, Mrs. Mary C. Reynolds, on Thirty-third street.

Mrs. Bruce Tabb and little son, who have been visiting on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, have returned home.

Miss Lottie Fraley, who has been the guest of her cousin, the Misses Merrill, on Twenty-ninth street, has returned to her home in Radford, Va.

Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Butler and daughter, Estelle, have gone to Surrey county, where Mr. Butler will officiate in the Hite-Thomas wedding today.

Miss Katherine Ryan has returned from Philadelphia, where she visited relatives. Miss Cecelia Ryan accompanied her and will spend the holidays as her guest here.

Mrs. Charles Thomas, who has been visiting her father, Mr. Logan T. Davis, on Twenty-seventh street, has returned to her home in Norfolk.

Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Millard Saunders, of Norfolk, are visiting Mr. Saunders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Saunders, 221 Third-third street.

Miss Margaret Winston has returned from Southwest Virginia, where she visited relatives.

Miss Mary Herbert, of Philadelphia, is visiting friends in this city.

Mr. Rex R. Fleury will arrive Friday from Trenton, N. J., to spend

the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fleury, on Twenty-ninth street.

Mrs. N. T. Cole has gone to Danville to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Welton West, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cox, in East End, have returned to Washington, D. C.

Miss Sadie Davidson has returned from the mountains of Virginia, where she spent several months with relatives.

Mrs. Charles Talmann will leave tomorrow for Danville, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents in that city.

Miss May Louder has returned home from the Virginia College, Roanoke, to spend the Christmas holidays.

PINE CAMP OFFICERS.

H. L. Dale Named Consul Commander for Ensuing Year.

At the regular meeting of Pine Camp, Woodmen of the World, in Potzold's Hall last night, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Past consul commander—P. J. Grant.
Consul commander—H. L. Dale.
Adviser lieutenant—R. P. Cox.
Banker—J. G. Harris.
Clerk—W. I. Wilson.
Escort—C. M. Cluverius.
Watchman—W. R. Wise.
Sentry—C. L. Atkinson.
Physician—T. J. Pretlow.
Manager—B. B. Nables.

Establish New Arc Light.
Chairman Via, of the buildings and grounds committee, stated yesterday that his committee has recommended to the council that an arc light be placed at Wickham avenue and Twenty-seventh street.

Mr. Gray Qualified.
Mr. T. G. Gray has qualified as deputy to City Sergeant-elect C. W. Magrath, furnishing bond in the sum of \$2,500.

SORE FEET
And Hands, with Shapeless Nails, Yield to Cuticura.

Soak the feet or hands on retiring in a strong, hot, creamy lather of Cuticura Soap. Dry and anoint freely with Cuticura Ointment. Wear during the night light bandages of old, soft cotton or linen. For red, rough hands, dry, itching palms, with shapeless nails, and for tired, aching, irritated, or inflamed feet, with painful swellings of the joints, this treatment gives instant relief, and points to a speedy cure of the most distressing cases. Cuticura Soap (25c) and Cuticura Ointment (50c) are sold throughout the world. Guaranteed absolutely pure. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., 135 Columbus Ave., Boston.

NEW STEAMER BEAR
NEARING COMPLETION

Handsome Freight and Passenger Vessel Will be Delivered to Owners Next Month.

The new freight and passenger steamer Bear, building at the local shipyard for the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company, is rapidly nearing completion and she will be delivered to the owners here between January 8 and 15. The vessel will then proceed to the Pacific coast via the Strait of Magellan and will enter upon her runs between San Francisco and Portland.

The Bear is the first of the two vessels building for this company to be completed. Her keel was laid in June and she will be completed and delivered within seven months, a record time for the construction of such a ship.

SEVERAL PUNCTURES IN
GEORGIA'S OUTER HULL

Collier Vestsals' Propeller Blades Scraped Hull Eighteen Times.

(By Associated Press).
NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 21.—Examination in dry dock of the battleship Georgia, which was struck by the propeller of the collier Vestal in Hampton Roads Friday, show the Georgia to have been scraped eighteen times by the sharp propeller blades with several punctures in her outer hull ten feet below the water line amidship on the port side.

The double bottom compartments were filled as a result of the punctures and consequent leakage.

While the damages to the Georgia are comparatively slight it will probably take two weeks to complete the necessary repairs. The ship will then rejoin the Schroeder fleet.

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH.

Whole Family Perishes in Yonkers Frame Dwelling.

(By Associated Press).
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Five persons were burned to death today in a fire that destroyed a frame dwelling house in Sherwood Park, Yonkers.

All the dead were members of the family of Theodore Fredericks, who lost his life in the fire, together with his wife and their three children.

Dr. Hoskin's Brother Married.
Dr. William R. Hoskins yesterday received an announcement of the marriage of his brother, Mr. Horace F. Hoskins, of Augusta county, to Miss Maria Templebird, of Baltimore. The wedding took place at 7 o'clock yesterday evening in Baltimore.

Baptist Preachers to Meet.
The Baptist ministers of Tidewater Virginia will meet in the Freemason Street Baptist church, Norfolk, on Sunday, January 2, to discuss the question of the ministers on this side of Hampton Roads joining in the pastors' meetings held at Norfolk.

WALL PAPER DISAPPEARS.

Paperhanger's Supply Runs Out Very Suddenly.

Charged with the larceny of a dozen rolls of wall paper, Rosa Tucker, a negro cook in a house on Twenty-fourth street, was arrested last night by Patrolman Pearson. She was locked up at the station house to await a hearing before Justice this morning.

It is alleged that the woman stole

the paper while paperhangers were papering the house in which the woman is employed.

Water Pipe Bursts.

The first break in either a water pipe or sewer pipe under the new vitrified brick pavement occurred Monday night when a water pipe on Twenty-eighth street near Jefferson avenue burst. It will be necessary to take up some of the paving in order to repair the break.

Bright and Steady
The Rayo Lamp

A bright and steady light depends upon the construction of the lamp.

The best skill has put forth its best effort in perfecting the Rayo Lamp.

As the air is fed to the flame—so does the light burn. The easy-flowing current of air through the air-tube of the Rayo Lamp secures a uniform light, with never a flicker or flare.

The ideal family lamp. Made of brass throughout and beautifully nickelled.

The Rayo is a low-priced lamp, but you cannot get a better lamp at any price.

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All of our goods must be sold out in this Three Days—before Christmas Day. We have left over 200 Ladies' Tailor-made Suits, all styles, all colors, all sizes in which we will give you after holiday prices on them. We also have over 700 Ladies' Skirts, consisting Fine Panamas, Chiffons, Voiles, and Serges, all colors, all sizes, from 95c on up. We have over 200 dozen Ladies' Waists, all colors, all sizes, all kinds. Special for this Three Day Sale, 19c on up. A big line of Ladies' Vests, sold everywhere for 50c, our price 19c. An elegant line of Petticoats in all kinds, colors, and sizes to go at 50c on the dollar. A big line of the finest Mexican Drawn Work to go at remarkably low prices.

Now, if you want to get goods at almost your own price, then drop in to see us and you will get more bargains than you were ever able to get in your city for a number of years. Come today. Do not delay longer.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, we are, sincerely yours,

L. Schulman 2906 Wash. Avenue.

DIAMOND DISPLAY TONIGHT

If You Haven't

Found What You Were Looking For

Come to see us from the 21st to 25th of December. We have a \$60,000 unbroken sample line of New York's largest and most reliable wholesale Jeweler. You are sure to find something a little better than that carried in the ordinary stock of the retail jeweler

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